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1. Transmittal Form with Fee
2. Specification (including claims and abstract) [Total Pages 15]
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8. Small Entity Status
 - is claimed
 - Statement filed in prior application; status still proper and desired
 - is no longer claimed.

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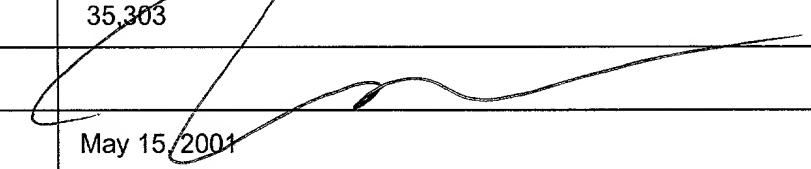


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